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CHANGES IN INFORMATION TECHNIQUES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to bring certain changes in the information techniques in view of the recent challenges in the information technology sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the information technology oriented programmes have not been adequately introduced in the schools, colleges and technical institutes in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): There has been a considerable shift in the learning paradigm due to introduction of technology and newer methods of imparting education. Networking and Internet are being used as cost effective tools for improving learning opportunities for students, faculty development, professional development, increasing productivity of members of the learning community and improving the efficiency of schools, District and State administration.

(c) and (d): As a matter of policy, this Ministry funds only pilot projects as enumerated above. It is for the nodal Ministry, namely, Ministry of Human Resource Development to replicate throughout the country. Department of Information Technology has launched the following projects on pilot basis:

1. Online Learning

2. ERNET Connectivity to North-Eastern Universities

3. Establishment of exclusive Institutes of Information Technology

4. Media Lab Asia

5. Vidya Vahini Programme
6. Gyan Vahini Programme